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In the Application of:

Girard et al.

Examiner: Dana H. Shin

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2009**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final office action dated December 17, 2009, that issued in the above-referenced application. A response is due April 19, 2010, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond and the fact that April 17, 2010, was a Saturday.

**Amendments to the Specification** there are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.